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This issue of *Funding Alert* is focused on providing information and resources to arts and culture organizations in the District of Columbia. The regular Federal and District Opportunities sections are each preceded by a special “Arts and Culture Opportunities” section highlighting specific arts-related grants provided by both the Federal and District governments. The Federal and District Opportunities sections list time-sensitive information for all subject areas, as usual. The “Foundation Opportunities” section is specifically focused on funders of the arts and there is a special “Announcements” section for artists and arts organizations. Please send comments and feedback about the special issue to fundingalert@dc.gov. Recommendations from readers about other resources that are available online or in the community that could be included in a future special issue would be greatly appreciated.

Federal Arts and Culture Opportunities

Challenge America: Access to the Arts. *The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)* announces funds to make the arts more widely available in communities throughout the country. The NEA is particularly interested in projects that extend the arts to underserved populations – those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and state and local government. The deadline for Fast Track Review applications is June 2, 2003. The

deadline for applications for Standard Review is August 18, 2003. Fast Track Review grants are \$10,000 each and must be matched at least 1:1; Standard Review Grants range from \$5,000-\$150,000 and also require a 1:1 match. For further information, contact Grants & Awards at (202) 682-5400 or go to:

<http://www.arts.gov/guide/GAP04/introduction.html>.

Heritage and Preservation. *The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)* announces funds for its Artistic Creativity and Preservation program. This initiative supports the creation and presentation to the American public of artistically excellent and significant works. The Heritage and Preservation subcategory seeks to preserve those forms of artistic expression and practice that reflect our nation's many cultural traditions. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and state and local government. The deadline for applications is August 18, 2003. For more information about this program or to access an application, go to:

<http://www.arts.gov/guide/GAP04/GAPindex.html>.

Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth. *The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)* funds projects that help children and youth to acquire knowledge, skills, and understanding of the arts. This category supports projects that provide hands-on learning and engagement of learners with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art in early childhood, school-based, and community-based settings. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and state and local government. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, school districts, and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the NEA. In addition, an organization must have at least

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a three-year history of programming by the application deadline to be eligible. The deadline for applications is June 16, 2003. For more information, go to: <http://www.arts.gov/guide/>.

Save America's Treasures. *The National Park Service (NPS), in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, announce grants to support the preservation and conservation of the nation's intellectual and cultural artifacts and historic structures and sites. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and units of state or local government. The deadline for applications is May 20, 2003. A Federal Save America's Treasures Grant requires a 1:1 non-federal match, which can be cash or donated services. The grant and the non-federal match must be used during the grant period, which is generally 2-3 years, to execute the project. For more information or to access the application guidelines, go to:* <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/treasures/index.htm>.

Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) announces funds to research, display, interpret, and collect artifacts relating to the history of the Underground Railroad. Eligible applicants include nonprofit educational organizations. The deadline for applications is June 2, 2003. Approximately \$2.2 million is available to fund 2-4 awards. For applications and further information, contact Jay Donahue at (202) 502-7507 or jay.donahue@ed.gov.*

Other Federal Opportunities

FY03 Enhancing Patient Care Delivery System Program Grants. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces funds to improve the retention of nurses and enhance patient care that is directly related to nursing activities by enhancing collaboration and communication among nurses and other health care professionals. Eligible applicants include schools of nursing, health care facilities, nursing centers, academic health centers, public and private nonprofit entities, and state and local governments. The deadline for*

applications is June 6, 2003. Approximately \$3 million is available to fund 12-40 awards, ranging from \$25,000-\$200,000. For further information, contact James Sabatinos at (301) 443-1272 or jsabatinos@hrsa.gov.

FY03 Grants for Internships and Residency Programs. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces funds to develop and implement internship and residency programs to encourage mentoring and the development of specialties. Eligible applicants include schools of nursing, health care facilities, nursing centers, academic health centers, public and private nonprofit entities, and state and local governments. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2003. Approximately \$3 million is available to fund 12-30 awards, ranging from \$75,000-\$250,000. For further information, contact Madelleine Hess at (301) 443-6336 or mhess@hrsa.gov.*

FY03 Nurse Education, Practice and Retention Grant Programs for Career Ladder Programs (CARL). *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces funds to promote career advancement for nursing personnel in a variety of training settings, cross training or specialty training among diverse population groups. Eligible applicants include schools of nursing, health care facilities, nursing centers, academic health centers, public and private nonprofit entities, and state or local governments. The deadline for applications is June 6, 2003. Approximately \$3 million is available to fund 12-30 awards, ranging from \$100,000-\$250,000. For further information, contact Madeline Turkeltaub at (301) 443-6193 or mturkeltaub@hrsa.gov.*

Provision of Civil Legal Services. *Legal Services Corporation (LSC) announces funds for programs that are qualified to provide effective, efficient and high quality civil legal services to low income persons. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, private attorneys, groups of private attorneys or law firms, and state and local governments. The deadline for applications is June 23, 2003. Approximately \$320 million is available. LCS will conduct a telephonic information session on May 22, 2003, at 2:00pm to respond to questions*

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concerning the RFP. Register at www.ain.lsc.gov, click on Bulletin Board, the RFP appendices, Appendix H/Registration Form.

Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Prevention Program Communication Network. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* announce funds to facilitate, coordinate, integrate, and expand state and local efforts to improve overall delivery of national STD prevention services. Eligible applicants include public or private national nonprofit organizations with a comprehensive state and local area representation of key officials who are actively engaged in directing STD Prevention Program efforts. The deadline for applications is June 23, 2003. Approximately \$300,000-\$600,000 is available to fund approximately one award. For program technical assistance, contact Michael Mitchell, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Division of STD Prevention, at (404) 639-8534 or mjm2@cdc.gov. For the full Notice of Funding Availability, go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/03-10110.txt>.

District Arts and Culture Opportunities

Arts Facilities. *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA), with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Planning*, is pleased to announce a pilot program to support the ongoing development of arts and cultural facilities in DC neighborhoods. The program will provide one-time capital funding in the form of matching project grants to help defray costs related to the improvement, expansion and rehabilitation of existing buildings owned or leased by nonprofit cultural institutions. This funding is intended to ensure that facilities are safe, comfortable, accessible and efficient so that arts groups may expand audiences and enhance their art form. Eligible applicants include arts and cultural organizations that have: 1) exhibition, presentation, or training in the arts as a primary function; 2) their principal place of business located in DC; 3) Federal and DC tax-exempt status for at least one year prior to the application deadline; 4) an annual budget less than \$3.5 million; 5) received funding from DCCA within the past 3 years; 6) ownership or hold lease of

facility at the time of the application for an unexpired period of at least 5 years; and 7) proof, if renting a facility, that the unexpired period of the lease is equal to or longer than the "useful life" of the project. The deadline for applications is June 5, 2003. To access the application form, go to:

http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml. For more information, contact Lionell Thomas, Legislative and Grants Program Manager, DCCA, at (202) 724-1475 or (202) 727-4135 (fax).

East of the River Arts Initiative. *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA)* announces funds for The East of the River Arts Initiative that focuses on arts activities east of the Anacostia River. The program strengthens organizational structures, develops audiences, and increases arts presentations east of the river. Eligible applicants include organizations with an operating facility east of the Anacostia River in DC (Wards 7 and 8, and part of Ward 6). Organizations also must have federal (IRS) and DC tax-exempt status by the application date, and a representative must attend one of two required workshops. The deadline for applications is June 12, 2003. For more information or to access an application, either call DCCA at (202) 724-5613 or go to: <http://dcarts.dc.gov/services/grants/era.shtml>.

Grants-in-Aid to Arts Organizations. *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA)* announces general operating support to arts organizations in DC. This program offers organizations financial assistance to help meet costs related to regular programming activities and administration. Eligible applicants must have had 501(c)(3) nonprofit and DC tax-exempt status for at least one year prior to the application date and must have their principal place of business in DC. The deadline for applications is May 22, 2003. Organizations may request from \$3,000-\$15,000 and must provide a 1:1 match. DCCA hosts a series of workshops to assist all organizations in preparing their applications. For more information, workshop times and locations, or to access the applications, go to: <http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/services/grants/grants.shtml>

Small Art Projects Program. *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA)* announces funds to support small-scale arts project. Projects

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may include but are not limited to: art presentations; assistance in fundraising, marketing, and management; documentation of artistic activities through photography, brochures, portfolios, and demo tapes; conferences, workshops, or seminars that will enhance artistic and professional development. Eligible applicants include individual artists who are DC residents and arts organizations whose principal location is in DC for at least one year prior to the application. The deadline for applications is June 5, 2003. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available.

DCCAH hosts a series of workshops to assist all organizations in preparing their applications. For more information, workshop times and location, or to access the applications, go to:

<http://www.dccarts.dc.gov/services/grants/grants.shtm>

Young Artists Grant Program. *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities* recognizes up and coming DC artists with the Young Artists Grants program. This initiative is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts' Challenge America program. The Challenge America Program provides state arts agencies with funds to support activities that visibly demonstrate the benefits the arts bring to their citizens. Grants support individuals and organizations in two funding categories: 1) Young Emerging Artists Grant Program; and 2) Young Artists Community Service Program. Eligible applicants include artists between the ages of 18 and 30, who are DC residents. The deadline for applications is June 12, 2003. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available. DCCAH hosts a series of workshops to assist all individuals and organizations in preparing their applications. For the schedule and locations of workshops, to download the application, or for more information, go to:

http://www.dccarts.dc.gov/services/grants/yea_grantprog.shtm

Other District Opportunities

International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD) Certified Rehabilitative Clubhouse. *The Department of Mental Health (DMH)* announces funding for the provision of an International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD) Certified Rehabilitative Clubhouse. Eligible applicants include nonprofit agencies providing community-based mental health services to adults with serious and persistent mental illness in DC that are also certified

as a Clubhouse by the ICCD. The deadline for applications is May 26, 2003, at 4:30pm. One award will be made for a period of one year with the option to renew for four additional years, subject to funding availability. The Request for Applications (RFA) may be picked up between 9:00am and 4:30pm at the reception desk of DMH, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Fourth Floor, Washington, DC 20002 (Union Station Metro Stop). There will be a Pre-Application Conference from 9:00-10:00am on May 12, 2003, at the address listed above. For additional information on this announcement or the Pre-Application Conference, contact Elizabeth Jones, Senior Planner, Department of Mental Health, at (202) 671-3152, (202) 673-7502 (fax), or Elizabeth.jones@dc.gov.

Development of Housing-First Assertive Community Treatment Services. *The Department of Mental Health (DMH)* announces funding to develop the framework for housing-first assertive community treatment services for chronically homeless individuals with co-occurring substance abuse disorders in DC. The target population is adults with serious and persistent mental illness, a co-occurring substance disorder and a history of chronic homelessness. Eligible applicants include nonprofit agencies providing community-based mental health services to adults with serious and persistent mental illness in DC that have a documented history of providing effective, housing-first, assertive community treatment services. Eligible agencies also will have a documented history of successful street outreach and engagement and must be certified by DMH to provide services under the Medicaid Rehabilitation Option or able to document current efforts to obtain such certification. The deadline for applications is May 30, 2003, at 4:30pm. The Request for Applications (RFA) may be picked up between 9:00am and 4:30pm at the reception desk of DMH, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Fourth Floor, Washington, DC 20002 (Union Station Metro Stop). There will be a Pre-Application Conference from 1:00-2:30pm on May 13, 2003, at the address listed above. For additional information on this announcement or the Pre-Application Conference, contact Linda Kaufman, Director, Organizational Development, DMH, at (202) 673-7505, (202) 673-1930 (fax), or linda.kaufman@dc.gov.

UPDATE: Services Targeting Youth That Foster Youth Development and Prevent Delinquent or

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PINS (Persons In Need of Supervision) Behavior.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice/Justice Grants Administration announced funds for this program in April. The original RFA has been amended and new information regarding a Pre-Application Workshop has been made available. Both documents are available on the District Grants Clearinghouse page of the OPGD website: http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.sh [tm](http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.sh).

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.sh [tm](http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.sh) for the following notices:

DC Public Schools (DCPS)/State Education Agency (SEA), FY 2003 Enhanced Education Through Technology Competitive Grant Program, due May 7, 2003.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice/Justice Grants Administration, Services Targeting Youth That Foster Youth Development and Prevent Delinquent or PINS (Persons In Need of Supervision) Behavior, due May 12, 2003, at 5pm.

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Office of Citywide Early Childhood Initiative, William F. Goodling FY 2003 Even Start Family Literacy Program, due May 28, 2003, at 5pm.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, due June 27, 2003.

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Arts, Education, and Health and Human Services.

The 3Com Corporation supports: 1) arts and culture focusing on education and community outreach programs and cultural diversity; 2) education focusing on math, science, and business; and 3) health and human services focusing on strengthening families and youth development through parenting, job training, and prevention programs. Eligible applicants include established, well-managed 501(c)3 organizations located in 3M communities, which include Washington, DC. For information on

deadlines and the application process, see: www.3m.com/about3m/community.

Local Arts. *The Target Corporation* supports the arts, education and family violence prevention with grant dollars that are allocated by store leaders to local organizations. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations working in these three areas. The deadline for Letters of Inquiry is July 31, 2003. Grants typically range from \$1,000-\$5,000. For additional information or to access the application, go to: http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target_cg_local_giving.

Media. *The Funding Exchange* sponsors the Paul Robeson Fund for Independent Media, which promotes media activism and grass-roots organizing by supporting the preproduction and distribution of film and video projects and radio programs on social issues made by organizations and individual media producers. The fund solicits projects of all genres that address critical social and political issues, combine intellectual clarity with creative use of the medium, and demonstrate an understanding of how the production will be used to organize progressive social change. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, individuals or organizations that are able to establish a relationship with a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2003. Grants range from \$5,000-\$20,000. For full guidelines and applications, see: <http://www.fex.org> or contact The Funding Exchange, 666 Broadway, Suite 500, New York, NY 10012; (212) 529-5300 x 316; fax (212) 982-9272; or viviana.bianchi@fex.org.

Music Education. *The Mockingbird Foundation, Inc. (MFI)*, an organization that generates charitable proceeds from fans of the band Phish, offers competitive grants to organizations with a programmatic focus on music education for children. While MFI seeks to fund projects that encourage and foster creative expression in any musical form, it also recognizes broader and more basic needs within conventional instruction. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, or organizations that have a sponsoring agency with 501(c)(3) status. Public schools are also eligible for funding. The deadline for Letters of Inquiry is August 1, 2003.

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Grants of up to \$5,000 are made on a one-time basis. For complete funding guidelines, see <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/>. All questions should be directed to Kristen Godard at grants@mockingbirdfoundation.org.

Arts and Culture Announcements

Artist Roster Program. *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA)* announces a call for artists to apply for acceptance on the Artist Roster, which makes them eligible for participation in the DCCA's school residency programs. Acceptance on the Artist Roster means that artists have the qualifications to conduct residencies, i.e., produce high quality artistic work, and have the skills and competencies needed to work with teachers and students in designing and implementing arts programs. Eligible applicants include all artists in the metropolitan Washington area, with preference given to DC residents. The deadline for applications is June 19, 2003, at 7:00pm. DCCA will host a series of workshops to assist all individuals and organizations in preparing their applications. For more information, workshop times and locations, or to access the applications, go to: <http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/services/grants/grants.shtm>.

Call for Artists. *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA)* and the *Inter-American Development Bank Cultural Center*, in cooperation with the *Virginia Commission on the Arts*, are accepting submissions from visual artists and writers for the upcoming 2003 exhibition commemorating Hispanic Heritage: Our Voices, Our Images, Nuestras Voces, Nuestras Imagenes. The selection committee is interested in artwork and literature that explores issues, themes and events that are relevant to Hispanic Americans and the Hispanic experience in the US. All artists must reside in DC, Maryland or Virginia. The deadline for applications is May 30, 2003. For more information, contact Jose Dominguez at (202) 724-5614 or jose.dominguez@dc.gov.

Call for Musicians – Professional and Amateur. *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA)* will host the first citywide Fete de la Musique from June 20-22, 2003. Musicians are invited to be a part of this internationally recognized

music festival by performing at one of the various sponsored and spontaneous venues throughout the downtown DC area. All musicians selected to perform will be included in online and media relations efforts. The deadline for registration is June 9, 2003. Musicians must provide their name, style of music, phone number and email. Register by phone at (202) 724-5614 or send an email to jose.dominguez@dc.gov. For more information, go to: <http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/services/programs/call%20for%20musicians.shtm>.

City Arts Projects. *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA)* announces its City Arts Projects program, which expands the quality and diversity of arts activities throughout the city, supports local artists, and makes arts experiences accessible to DC residents. City Arts Projects expose the arts to the broader community or to persons traditionally underserved or separate from the mainstream due to geographic location, economic constraints, or disability. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, festivals, concerts, visual arts exhibitions, and literary readings. The deadline for applications is May 29, 2003. DCCA will host a series of workshops to assist all individuals and organizations in preparing their applications. For more information, workshop times and locations, or to access the applications, go to: <http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/services/grants/grants.shtm>

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